# Foster Due Here Thursday---Folwell Making Fight---Race Men Against Mutuels

# **EDDIE FOSTER DUE** HERE ON THURSDAY

Will Begin Light Work at "Y" Gym With Jim Shaw and Eddie Ainsmith.

Mackmen's Star Outfielder Wants \$5,000 a Year or He'll Stop Work.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Eddie Foster, the Griffmen's second baseman, who has been spending some weeks in Chicago, his old home, is due to arrive here Thursday. He will be gin light work at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on the following day.

Fester believes in reporting ready to play ball. For this reason he will join Mike Martin's handball class at the "Y" gym. Besides him Jim Shaw, has put on some extra weight since october, and Eddie Ainsmith will be on hand to keep the pot a-boiling.

Foster is working out a war-time contract, which continues through the 1917 season, and so does not have to await permission from Dave Fultz to get down to work.

Shaw and Ainsmith, according to Manager Griffith, have not signed their 1917 papers, but both athletes believe in getting a jump on the coming season and will work out here.

Strunk May Retire.

Amos Strunk wants \$5,000 a year, If he doesn't get it, he says he will quit playing ball, unless Cennie Mack will trade or sell him.

"It is untrue that Mack has cut my salkry" says Amcs. "On the other hard, he has added \$500 to it, making it \$3,500. But I want \$5,000. I am now in my prime, and if I can't get \$5,000 now I never can.

\$5,000 now I never can.

"Last year I was No. 4 in hitting and accord in fielding, which is pretty good on a tail-end team. I have no exaggerated opinion of myself, but I feel sure that there are fifteen major league clubs that would be willing to pay me \$5,000. For that years, our ne \$5,000. For that reason, of fairness to myself, I would like to be traded to some other club, if the Athletics do not meet my figures."

### Is Not a "Holdout."

Strunk says that he does not wish to be classed as a "holdout." He insists that he wants to be fair with Connie Mack, who has adways been his friend, and hopes that they may get together in time. However, Strung says he'll devote all his time to a business enterprise of his in independent Philadelphia, playing independent ball as a side issue on Saturdays and holidays, if the Mackmen can't pay him and won't sell or trade him.

Dick Hoblitzel, a director at large in the Baseball Players' Fraternity, and Larry Gardner, the veteran third baseman, have come to terms with Harry H. Frazee, though they have yet to sign 1917 contracts. Each will be paid \$5,000. This is the salary Strunk wants from the Athletics.

# Must Join White Rats.

It is said now that if the baseball players are to receive any assistance from union labor they must joint the White Rats, an organization of vaudeville actors. Furthermore, though no official statements have been made, it is this phase of the situation which has delayed action by the executive ittee of the American Federation of Labor.
Officials of the White Rats main

tain that baseball is an amusement and the players are entertainers. As such, therefore, if the players are to enter the federation, they must do so under the charter of the White Rats. Dave Fultz says that the matter had never been brought to his attetion, but before such action could be taken the members of the fraternity would have to vote on it.

# Prendergust in Expelled.

Mike Prendergast, the Chicago Cubs' pitcher, has been expelled from the Players' Fraternity for violating his pledge not to rign a 1917 contract until President Pultz gave the word. He is the third to be expelled. others being Harry Sailce, of the Giants, and Oscar Stanage, of the Douglass, the other Cub

pitcher to sign, is not a member of the fraternity, according to Friltz.

The Giants have rot in a claim fer Joe Wagner, the Cincinnati shortstop, upon whom waivers had been asked. He will go South for a trial dive through the ice every morning.

# Meet Pebruary 12.

The two major leagues will meet in New York February 12 to ratify their 1917 schedules. This is the real meeting of the off-season and, with fraternity strike looming up, it be even more important this

ear than for many years. Manager Griffith will go to the meeting, hoping to land a man or ons a flock of players available in and he will snoop around the Walderf in the expectation of wearing away some slugger from some

uspecting manager or magnate. unsuspecting manager or magnate.
Georgetown's 'varsity nine has been granted a game by the Griffs. It will be played April 3. Only four ante-season games will be played here, the other three being with the

# GANZEL MAKES GOOD.

John Ganzel, a former big leaguer is in Kansas City managing a club. He started out with the fans, papers and players against him. Now he has the fans and papers and eight players igned and has pennant hopes. rel isn't a player, he is a diplomat.

# GO TO DRAW.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30 .- Jack Brit ton, of Chicage, and Johnny Griffiths, of Akron, fought a ten-round draw here last night.

# MOGULS WON'T BULGE

Tener Says National League Will Maintain Firm Stand.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 .- "There is no ruth in the report that in order to sign their players the National League clubs will raise offers already named in the new contracts," said Governor Tener today.

"The players can hold out as long as they please, but in the end they will learn that the club owners mean STRUNK MAY QUIT PLAYING the extra expense. Salaries last year were so high that a general cut was deemed absolutely necessary.

"If baseball is to be perpetuated he club owners cannot sustain heavier losses from year to year. I feel stire that the players in due time will realize conditions as they exist and will decide to treat their employers will decide to treat their emp with fairness and consideration. "The National League will stand firm in this matter regardless of the

# FOLWELL TO FIGHT AGAINST DECISION

Penn Undergraduates Join With Him in Overturning Faculty's Action.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.-Football enthusiasts are today seeking ways and means to bring, about a thorough investigation of the "reasons" for the dismissal of Bob Folwell as coach of the University of Pennsylvania foot-ball squad. Folwell himself is in the vanguard of the fight for a clean bill of health

Announcement of Folwell's dismis sal came like a bolt of lightning. When his name was presented by the football committee, with a number of others, for election to the position of coach the faculty committee

Dr. Goodspeed, of the faculty board, says that Folwell "failed as a 'char-acter builder,' " and instances several neldents taking place on the trip to California.

#### Coach Charges "Frame-Up."

Bob Folwell was not surprised when informed of the faculty's decision. He said he knew that considerable opposition had sprung up against him while the team was in California and charges a "frame-up."

"I feel that some underhand meth ods have been used," says Folwell.
"I feel that my assistants have not "I feel that my assistants have not given me the most hearty support. In fact, I believe that they have worked against me. against me.
"I want to say right here that all

this stuff has been framed up against me. One of the assistant coaches wrote a letter to the faculty, saying that he would not go back to Penn if I was reappointed. This is a fight the old guard and the new They didn't like me the day started out to coach the team.

# Spy Accompanied Squad.

"One of my assistant coaches laugh ed at all my efforts on the sidelines of the leading twirlers in the Ameriwhile I was on the field, directing the players what to do in practice. Another man was sent on the trip

West primarily to spy on me.
"I know that it has been charged that the trip to the coast was little always managed to hold the opposition to take it very serious ly, but their conduct on the trip was that the training this spring will be that the training this spring will be the trip was that the training this spring will be the trip was that the training this spring will be the trip was that the training this spring will be the trip was that the training this spring will be the trip was that the training this spring will be the trip was the trip to the coast was little always managed to hold the opposition to very few hits, however. Despite his unsteadiness Donoran believes by the trip was the

end; and I'll have behind me every man who wants to see football progress at Penn," Folwell declared.

# DUNDEE WINS ONE

York Lightweight Defeats shame if the Hanlon at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 30 .- Johnny Dundee, the New York lightweight, easily defented Jimmy Hanlon, of Denyer, here last night in twenty ounds of clever boxing. Hanlon had have spent a lifetime practically a margin only in two sessions.

Dundee's style pleased the pig in Shocker the Yanks have a margin of the pig in Shocker the yanks have a margin of the pig in Shocker the pig in packed the arena, and efforts will be greatest pi,chers in the game." packed the arena, and chorts will be greatest pictures in the game, made to match him here for a return Donovan also has high hopes for battle with Willie Jackson, the New George Mogridge, Allan Russel and York lad, who stopped him a few Cullop next season weeks ago in one round.

# DIVES THROUGH ICE

to condition himself for bouts. A cold plunge does one thing-develops

beason and, with The American bowling congress looming up, it convention tournament, to open in important this Detroit on March 3, will be a banner Figuring to accommodate 800

> Myron Hutchinson, Iduho State and Spokane City tennis champion, has moved from Spokane to Newark, N. J.- He will probably be heard from

Fly casters of the Pacific North west will organize into a club at the tournament at Seattle. A new world's record for a mile

roller skates was established by Art Kruger in a Chicago rink. The time The Western Conference Associa tion has established a minimum rule of \$25 a game for football officials.

No talk of a strike-yet. U. of Michigan will not meet Princeton next year. The reason given was that the Tigers would not

sign a two-year contract. Manager Shay, of Milwaukee Asso ciation club, has forbidden team to Bill gamble. Says it promoted hard feel-

# NAVY WILL BATTLE

Charlottesville Lads Tackle Title Will Not Be At Stake, for Middies at Annapolis Tomorrow.

Navy will attempt to win its tenth straight game tomorrow afternoon when the University of Virginia basketball players take the floor at Dahlgren Hall. The Virginians have won all their games this season, and are possessed of several veterans.

Navy came near losing Saturday's game with the St. John's team, put ting up the poorest exhibition of the year. It was explained that the Middies had been through a week of examinations, and were mentally fagged. Certain it- was their efforts were somewhat misdirected.

. Coach Colliflower gave the team only light work yesterday, and will take things easy today. The Navy take things easy today. The Navy is anxious to get through the season without a loss. Virginis's strength is well known, and a hot battle is ex-

#### One Game Listed.

The Navy has two more games listed. Tomorrow's contest, and one with West Virginia University are the only other games on the Navy The Piebes may play the schedule. Army and Navy Prep team, but ar-

gallaudet and George Washington are working might and main for their engagement Saturday. The Hatchetites have a find in Harmon, who seems to have fitted well in center and shown marked ability as a

ree tosser. Saturday's engagement at Kendall Green is expected to prove a whirlwind encounter in every sense of the word. Catholic University, with a freshman team, will encounter Bucknell University on Saturday at Carroll Institute.

#### Georgetown Away.

Georgetown takes its Northern trip | perity. temorrow. The team encounters Seton Hall, St. John's College, Crescent A. C. and Boston College on the itinerary. Captain O'Lone. Fees, McNulty, Cashin, O'Boyle, Bannigan. others will be picked to take

the trip.
The Hilltoppers have lost one battle this season, that to the Navy, and are expecting to make a creditable showing on the trip. St. John's was defeated handliy here, and there is no

### **BOOSTS SHOCKER**

Bill Donovan Thinks He Will Be Shining Star This Season.

Urban Shocker, whose pitching when a member of the Toronto club of the International League, to which he was farmed out by the Yankees, won him a reputation, should be one can League next season, in the opin-ion of Bill Donovan,

Shocker pitched wonderful ball for Toronto last season, but when he joined the Yankees he developed wildpaign for the pennant.

in dicussing the young pitcher, "is most natural twirlers one of the ever saw. He has more stuff on the ball than many of the famous pitchers of days gone by. Shocker's spit-ball is a marvel and it would be a shame if the commission made a rule that prohibited the use of such a

"Of course. Shocker has a lot to learn. He will acquire that in duc course, however. But he has a splendid foundation on which to bu crowd of fight and race fans who who some day will be one of the League in 1916, but owing to injuriwas unable to help the club when I needed him most. Next senson, how ever. Donovan hopes to have all for. men available at the same time, and believes that with them as a nucleus he will have one of the best pitching

# WILLIAMS FACES MCNEIL.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 30,-1n n effort to get going toward the bantamweight championship which he lost to Pete Herman in New Orleans a month ago, Kid Williams will fight Benny McNeil here tonight in fifteen-round go, There will be

# ONLY ONE MARK REMAINS.

The running marks that Tommy Conneff selup in 1895 are slowly being filed away by the sprinters of this year. There is only one left, and that is the three-quarter mile mark of a minutes 2 45 seconds. But this one is likely to remain for some time.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.-Instead of be ing backed by Charlie Weeghman the purchase of the Fort Wayne, Ind., club, Rollie Zeider will act as utility infielder for the Cubs this season. Manager Mitchell has asked that

# TWO MACKMEN DROP.

tall grass, "Shag" Thompson goes to Omaha in the Western League and Bill Stellbauer goes to Houston in

# DARCY AND M'COY VIRGINIA'S QUINT MATCHED FOR BOUT

They Will Weigh 160 Pounds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.-Though Les Darcy and Al McCov will meet in a Garden, March 5, the tile will not be in danger. The articles call for the men to weigh not more than 160 pounds at 3 o'clock.

It is evident from this that Darcy does not care to attempt the middleweight limit, which has remained at 158 pounds for a long time. Even if the Australian should dump the Brooklyn scrapper on his ear for the count, it would mean practically noth ing. Al's title to a 158-pound cham plonship scarcely could change hands at 160 pounds. It would be like Freddie Welsh stopping Kid Herman for the bantamweight title. Darcy will collect \$25,000 for his

short affair with McCoy and the lat ter will be given \$10,000 for his share The Australian is now in Buffalo going through motions in his vaude villel stunt. He will notify Freeman Bernstein, who is running the vaude villel end of his dollar-getting oper tions, that he wants to fight. A clause in this contract has been provided for such emergencies. Then he is expected to beat it for Grant Hugh Brown's country bungalow, nea: Goshen, N. Y., and begin getting ready for his bout with McCoy

Darry will be assisted in his preparation by Mick King, from whom he won his Australian middleweight championship, and Freddie Glimore,

# BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Penn just can't seem to stand pros

It is refreshing to see signs of real baseball appearing in the sport pages, tales of releases, of coming stars signing up, of training camps and The fans like just that sort of stuff. Really. Old Winter is hobbling on a crutch, not roaring about in full vigor. The sun is daily a bit warmer. Somewhere the grass is waking up, answering the call of Mother Nature, who says: "Up, up with you, for the ball players are coming." We must wait but a little longer. Don't believe it? Well, look at the sport pages.

Frat or no Frat, old Clark Grif. projects. fith keeps right on preparing for his

Al McCoy, American middleweight champion, has agreed to meet Les Darcy. Much water has gone under the bridge since the Australian ar rived in New York, and it is more than likely that his bout with McCov will prove a financial flivver. McCoy's lack of aggressiveness has ruined his reputation. Boxing fans know well that the Brooklyn man will play the turtle game for ten rounds and that Darcy will have trouble making a respectable showing in ten rounds, good. It is also true that there was card playing going on in the train during the long journey, and that everyone joined in.

"I am going to fight them to the missing the same in the Yankees' cambridge of the players are of stronger caliber to the pla agers are taking no bumping into a wallop

To be isn't careful some manager will sign up Dave Fultz for his comic coaching.

This spring a new departure will e made by the various big league ball clubs. For years major league clubs have come to Hickville and played the home team. Usually the lickville team has been playing three r four days and has been in no shape to combat a big league club which been working a month or so. The esuit has been a nightmare for the ans and just about that for the Hickville team. In many cases, that series spring exhibitions has injured the Hickville team's league games for be even stronger than the Amateur Asseveral weeks. This year big league leams will meet each other in Hickville. The question is how many Hickville fans will play money to see ing of the lengue. major league baseball in March?

That nineteenth-hole golf tourne; at Augusta, Ga., has come to a merci-

Unless factional troubles in base ball are settled soon, the 1917 season threatens to be another "bloomer," so far as financial profits are considred. For three years the fans have nulled over columns of legal phrases charges and counter-charges. Now they are hungry for some real base-ball by baseball players. It is apparent that the players fail to realize the trend of the times, but many of the trend of the times, but many of the magnates are in the same boat. It is a certainty that if the season opens with conditions as they are now, the fans will quit both sides.

Maybe Les Darcy is "too proud to

Here's an interesting sidelight or amateur sport. Tom Rooney, national amateur single sculler, may be declared a professional because he's an public playgrounds. He draws \$100 keeping the youngsters from fighting and helping them to enjoy the swings and the sand piles PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Two percy Haughton, a professional foot-more Mackmen have dropped into the ball coach, drawing a large sum of money for his knowledge of the gradiron sport, reaches the semi-finals in the amateur racquet championships. Texas League. Both are out What's the idea of this amateur stuff,

# CARROLL IN SLUMP; TRIES TO BREAK IT

Royal Star Wants to Be Shape for Roanoke Match. Pinspilling Gossip.

J. Bernard Carroll, one of the Roya stars who will take part in the match ten-round bout at Madison Square with the Roanoke Palace teams here Saturday, is in the midst of what Carroll terms his annual slump.

The speed ball expert has been hit ing, but splitting, the maples most exasperatingly of late, and intends to peg away during the remaining days before the match to get back in

#### Respect Coming Former

Accepting reports of the Roanoke eam's performances, the Royals are convinced that they will confront op ponents worthy of their mettle. The match should arouse interest second only to that shown in the famous se ries between Washington and Brock

Many suggestions are being heard that Johnny Veath take on several cracks for special matches to satisfy the bowling fans as to whether not the former Baltimorean is in distinct class by himself.

### Would Be Interesting.

Harry B. Halley, whose record in such competition is a brilliant one has been mentioned frequently as an excellent opponent for Veath and Harry Stanford, who is an acknowl-edged star, is considered a hard nut for Veath to crack. A match with either of these would stir up some

### WILL-NOT CONFLICT

New Amateur Baseball Association to Work With District A. A.

An effort will be made by independent baseball teams to bridge the Friday-to-Monday gap during the summer, if the plans of the Independent Baseball League, recently inaugurated, carry. It is thought by those interested in the project that Saturday and Sunday games can be played in this city by the circuit to the mutual advantage of the league and the Amateur Association of the District.

At a recent meeting independent nines decided to form a league. C. E. McClure, president; James E. Wright, secretary; John B. Irving, of the Holy Name club; William Love, of Columbia 101; Vic Gauzza, Johnny Mulhall and K. Walters, moving spirits in the independent circuit, intend waiting upon President Robert H. Young, of the Amateur Association, to see just what can be done to work out both

# Has No Conflict.

The new circuit will have no con flict with the Amateur Association. and there is every indication that the new organization will take away players from the association and leave the opportunity to sign up younger

The need of providing for first-class players on the various amateur teams has become apparent in the past two on the Amateur Association rolls for years, and it is thought that

Becomes Tophenvy. been denied the opportunity to play with the amateur teams. By forming an in-dependent league and drawing the older and more experienced players the new circuit will give the youngsters coming up a chance. The Capital City League formed last year for sixteen-year-old players was thought to be a step in the right direction.

President Robert H. Young is expected to find out the sentiment of the associamid-winter meeting. Action will probably be taken by the Independen on Thursday, when the officers

# and team managers got together

Discuss League Rules. League rules and by-laws were discussed at last night's meeting of the new circuit. A stringent ruling in re-gard to men who have been members of professional teams was threshed out and Palace the rule in this respect is thought to

sociation code. A conference with Amateur Association officials and officers of the new league is expected before the next meet-

HONORS PLAYERS

Business High Awards Football Insignia to Fifteen. Business High School football players were awarded letters and numer

als at assembly yesterday. The following received the insignia: Bernard Wise, retiring captain; Rac-dy, captain-elect; Robin, McDonald, Held, Benton, Berlin, Williams, Collier, Adam King, Allard, Girardi, Towbes, Raiph Wise and Keenan, For commendable work as reserve players seven others were granted They are McDonnell, Gray, Harrell, Richter, McCauley, Putzki and E. A. King.

Jim Rice the rowing coach of 'U' of columbia, has a big box fitted up with four oars. He will place it in crews the fine points of rowing. San Juan, Porto Rico, has entered

President Tearney of the Three Eye League has not abandoned his idea of divorcing the minor league

Six members of the Pittsburgh under contract, and Dreyfuss says all of them wil come in.

# LEWIS DENIES TALE

Says Salary, Not Fultz's Order, Is Holding Up Signature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30 .- George

("Duffy") Lewis, star left fielder of the world's champion Boston Red Sox, has refused to sign his 1917 contract, but not because of Dave Fultz. Lewis wants more money than has been of-

"I have reidrned my contract un-signed," said Lewis today. "I am handling my own business with the Boston club, not letting President Fultz do it for me. I am not satisfied with the terms of my contrac but I shall sign at once if President Frazee can give me the money I want I wish to deny a report creditin me with saying that not one of the Red Sox would sign until Fultz gave the word. I didn't say that, and I don't believe it is true, either."

# SCHOOLBOY STARS WILL QUIT TODAY

Buck Wise and Karl Glessner Finish Up at Business High School.

Bernard Wise and Karl Glessner of Business, are playing their las high school game today when the team stacks up against Technical at the Y. M. C. A., in what is expected to be the banner contest of the sea

on. Both players are former captains of the teams. Wise has piloted the Business team, and Glessner was last year's captain. Both lads go out of school with the mid-year graduating class, and today's appearance will be the last for both.

#### Wise Has Fine Record.

Buck Wise has an athletic record to a member of every athletic team running on the put out at Business. Three times he have wondered why it is have been selected for the All-High tootball and basketball team. In all the youngster has earned thirteen dividual betting greatly restricted last season, the attendances figures at the New York tracks showed an timerease, thereby indicating renewed be proud of. For four years he has been the youngster has earned thirteen letters for his athletic ability. Glessner is another who has gained the top of the heap while at Business. Glessner has played both basketball and football, and his work at guard for the past three years has caused him to be reserved as one

#### caused him to be regarded as of the best of the scholastic players

Will Oppose Tech. Buck Wise has been under the cannot hope to do himself justice today. In a recent game with West ern he was quite out of condition, but is rested up for today's battle. Business will start Ralph and Buck Wise in the forward positions, Mac Dutald in center, and Glessner and either Towbes or Raedy in guards. All of these players were member of the football team.

Tech is playing Catin and De la Vergne in forwards, Tabb in center and Schneider in guards. game should be won by Tech judging on past performances. If Business is able to show a better defense that the Manual Trainers the Stenograph ers will be able to grab off a win.

# Games on Tomorrow

Today's high school battle is the to the handbooks in leading cities to the handbooks the series. Tomorrow Georgetown Freshmen and Eastern will hook up in a battle at Ryan gym. St. Albana and Army and Navy Preps are booked for a game tomorrow.

On Thursday Eastern and Gonzaga are due for a game in the Gonzaga gymnasium, while on Friday Tech and Western and Central and Eastern are set for a double-header at the Y. M. C. A. Gonzaga comes back for a return game with the Ge The Gonzaga lads defeatfreshmen. The Gonzaga lads defeated the freshmen yesterday by 26 to 25 in a game which required three extra periods.

# WHERE THEY ROLL

National Capital-National Capitals

Masonic-Mt. Pleasant vs. Acacla Pentalpha vs. Washington Centennial.

Commercial General Baking vs. Merchant Transfer and Storage, at Palace.
Agriculture Interbureau — Animai favorites and second choices being gob-lindustry vs. Crop Estimates, at Ca-

Postoffice Delivery vs. R. M. S., at ostoffice. Navy Yard-Erecting vs. East, at apitol Hill.
Bankers Washington Loan and

Frust vs. Franklin, at National. Bureau of Printing and Engraving Custodians vs. Examiners, at Rathsceller. Georgetown Commercial C. P. Ash vs. Columbia' Sand and Dredge, at Georgetown.
Southeast Southland vs. Mohawk sharp practice.

C at Southeast.

Columbia.

Hyattsville.

Knights of Columbus—Trinidad vs. Pinta: Ovando vs. Marquette, Na ional Capital

Arcade-Gandils vs. Phi Mu Sigma, at Arcade. Interdenominational - Kendall vs Fifth; Sixth vs. Gorsuch; St. Mark's vs. Rethany, at National Capital. Columbia—Barbers vs. Climbers, at agair

Interstate-Engineers vs. Dockets, at Arcade. Reclamation-P. and S. vs. Mails, at

Palace. the lists as a possible site for a big league training camp. Only four ways from New York and an ideal Central-Hamiltons vs. Colorados at National Capital.
Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A.—Pennsylvania vs. Disbursements, at Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A.
Omo Class—White Sox vs. Dodgers. at Brightwood.

Anacostia Highlands vs. Y. M. C. , at Anacostia. Washington City Tenpin-Royals

# OPPOSE MACHINES FOR RACE BETTING

Vila Tells What New Yorkers Want and Explains Sims Gambling Bill.

### By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 .- Men who lay the horses at the local tracks or with city layers strongly favor the ndividual betting system, which has been in vogue since the passage of the Agnew-Hart measures at Albany.

When the State racing con last week recommended the adoption of the pari-mutuel system in its an-nual report to the legislature, I pro-ceeded to interview turf followers of high and low degree for the purpose of obtaining a line on public opinion.

I discovered that there was much opposition to the mutsuis. Some persons favored the machines, but they were few and far between.

The prevailing opinion seemed to be that the racing commission might

have asked the legislature to inter-pret the present anti-bookmaking laws, which have been pronounced am-biguous by eminent legal experts.

### Never Been Defined.

The term "book making with without writing" never has been de fined either by the legislature or the courts, hence much confusion and mis-

thorities whose duty it is to enforce the law at the New York tracks. Advocates of the individual betting with whom I have talked declare that racing would regain much of the old popularity if the legislature would define a hookmaker as a person who openly lays odds, accepts wagers from all comers, and stands in a fixed place where he or his clerks record

The courts decided some time ago that it was legal to make an oral bet, and to settle it in cash after the running of a race. Speculators always have wondered why it is not legal to make a cash bet, but no legal opin-

### Sims Bill May Pass.

A bill introduced by Congressman Sims of Tennessee in 1915 may be passed by the House of Representative at an early date. The bill has ceather for the past ten days, and been advanced to a third reading and so far has met with little opposition. It is entitled "A bill to prevent the nullification of State anti-gambling laws by international or interstate transmission of race gambling bets or racing odds."

As generally understood this measure is aimed specifically at a growing evil known as the "come back money practice," which thrives chiefly on the parl-mutel system in vogue in Maryland. Kentucky, and Canada.

Will Confine Betting According to expert legal opinion n Washington, the Sims measure is intended to confine betting on burse races to the tracks where the various events are decided and will forbid the telegraphing of large sums of money to the handbooks in leading cities to

The manipulation of "come back money" is supposed to be arranged by sure-thing players. At the pari-mutuel tracks it is comparatively easy to operate on these lines, inasmuch as the machines do not provide concrete

proof of sharp practice.

If several speculators want to acchines in order to avoid a reduction in the price. They wire heavy com-missions to the city poolrooms and handbooks all over the country for

#### the purpose of cleaning up with exciting suspicion.

Send Back Surplus. If the poolrooms and handbooks cannot handle all the money wired to them in this way, they promptly telegraph the surplus right back to the race course District-Royals vs. Garrisons, at to be wagered in the pari-mutuel matice has resulted in the in-andnder orders from the sure-thing oper-

The public meanwhile is kept in the

The Sims bil also is calculated to cripple betting in poolrooms and handbooks. If it becomes a law, the odds quoted at the tracts, together with the pari-mutuel prices cannot be wired away to the city operators, who must settle their transactions the next day in accordance with the quotations publish ed in the newspapers. But the chief object of the pending legislation is the "come back" game, which from all acounts, has prospered as a result of

# Didn't Exist Then

ing conditions say that the "come back" Departmental Land vs. Agricul evil did not exist when betting at the Departmental Land ure, at Palace.
Capital City—Buckey's Specials va.
Vory Soap, at Rathskeller.
Mt. Pleasant—Newtons vs. Parks, at cracks was confined to bookmakers.
Then it was possible to wager money on supposed good things with the layers on the ground. tracks was confined to bookmakers. It also was a difficult task to arrange

a fixed race because the bookmakers' records always were at the disposal of the racing officials. he racing officials.

If a beaten favorite received a poor s. Bethany, at National Capital.

Columbia—Barbers vs. Climbers, at climbers, at climbers.

Fourteenth—Owls vs. Speedways, at Sp fords no line on the doings of the

# VANKEES RELEASE TWO.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 .- Ed Sweeney, eteran catcher, and Ray Keating, by the Yanks to the Toledo American Association club. Sweeney played with Toledo last year and Keating was sent to Richmond, but returned.

Washington City
vs. Bureau, at Royal.
Hyattaville—Arcades vs. Chillum, at first annual dance on February 21 at Old Masonic Temple.